

2023 SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS APPLICATION



U.S. CONGRESSMAN DARREN SOTO REPRESENTING FLORIDA'S NINTH DISTRICT

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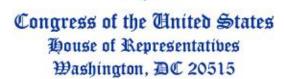






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April 26, 2023

Dear Academy Applicant:

Thank you for answering the call to serve!

Our Nation has a rich history of training our nation's military leaders. From the fields of Gettysburg to the sands of Omaha Beach military academy graduates have led this county through some of its most difficult days. Today, these same values are taught at service academies.

These Service Academies allow students to serve their nation while receiving a quality, tuitionfree education at some of the nation's finest educational institutions. I take the privilege of nominating individuals to the Service Academies very seriously. I also strive to increase opportunities for our young constituents so they may be the next generation of brave military leaders.

Please use the information enclosed in this packet to submit an official application to my office. Best of luck in your future endeavors,

Sincerely,

Darren Soto

Member of Congress

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TIMELINE OF EVENTS

April 1, 2023

August 19, 2023

October 13, 2023

November 11, 2023

November - December 2023

Applications open/Spring Academy Day

Fall Academy Day

All applications Due

Selection Committee Interviews

Nominees contacted

^{*}Dates are subject to change. Please contact our office if you have any questions and check our social media accounts for updates.



HOW NOMINATIONS ARE COMPLETED

Choosing the most qualified candidates to nominate to a United States Service Academy is an honor and no easy task. Nominations are based on a "whole-person" evaluation. This includes factors such as academic achievements, standardized test scores, extra-curricular activities, leadership skills, character, motivation, and letters of recommendation.

In order to ensure the utmost level of fairness and quality in this competitive nomination process, Congressman Soto has put together a group of qualified and experienced military individuals to serve on the Service Academy Nomination Board. This board will review all applications, interview all prospective nominees, and make their recommendations of the most qualified candidates for Congressman Soto.

Congressman Soto believes this is the fairest, most efficient and most practical way to select skilled and qualified candidates to nominate to the U.S. Service Academies.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Each applicant for a nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1st of the year of admission to an academy:

- 1. Be a citizen of the United States.
- 2. Be at least 17 years old, but not have passed your 23rd birthday.
- 3. Must reside within the boundaries of the 9th Congressional District of Florida.
- 4. Be unmarried, not pregnant and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- 5. Must meet the medical, physical and academic requirements of the Academy.
- 6. Display strong moral character, leadership skills and unbending integrity.



APPLICATION PACKET INSTRUCTIONS

Your application is your first means of communication with the Service Academy Review Board. It will provide them with the necessary information to process your application for a Congressional Nomination.

Follow all instructions carefully:

- 1. Assemble your packet in the order of the Required Materials Checklist.
- 2. Do not send a full-sized photograph, only add a wallet-sized photo.
- 3. Be neat and precise.
- 4. Do not bend your packet.
- 5. Utilize the Required Materials Checklist. Please note, Congressman Soto's office will not notify you of an incomplete packet.
- 6. The information packet will be submitted to the Service Academy Review Board "as-is".
- 7. All candidate packets are kept confidential and will only be reviewed by members of the Congressman's staff and the Service Academy Review Board.
- 8. The due date for ALL MATERIALS is Friday, October 13, 2023. Late submissions of packets or individual pieces of information will only be accepted if they are received or postmarked prior to or on the submission deadline.
- 9. Do not staple any documents together.
- 10. Mail or drop off all packets to:

Congressman Darren Soto

Attn: Service Academy Applications

804 Bryan Street

Kissimmee, Florida 34741

^{*}If you mail your packet it is **strongly** suggested you use a tracking number to ensure your application arrived.



REQUIRED MATERIALS CHECKLIST

All material must be submitted to Congressman Soto's Kissimmee District Office or postmarked by Friday, October 13, 2023.

Follow all instruction carefully:

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☐ Application for nomination
• Complete the entire application form
 Please type or print neatly Make sure to sign and date your application
☐ Materials from your school
Current class schedule
 Official academic transcripts from high school (and college if applicable)
☐ Standardized test scores (SAT/ACT)
May be included on transcript
□ Resume
• Include extra-curricular activities starting in the 9th grade and employment history
\square Essay answering the question "why I want to attend a military academy"
• Please keep your essay to 500 words or less
☐ Letters of Recommendation
• Include at least 3 letters and no more than 5
• Letters should be from people whom the applicant knows personally and should attest to the applicant's character, motivation to serve and integrity. (I.e. teachers, counselors, employers, coaches, clergy, scout leaders)



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Please attach photo here. It should be a recent picture and no larger than wallet size

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ACT SCORES:					
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APPLIED THROU	GH OTHER S	OURCES? (Please cl	heck all that apply	y) :	
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PLAN TO APPLY/	HAVE ALREA	ADY APPLIED):			
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Is it ok to use your	name in a pres	s release after receivi	ing an appointmer	nt? Y / N	
I hereby declare that	I am a United S	State Citizen and a lega	al resident of Floric	da's Ninth Congressional	District. In signing this
application, I request	t that Congressr	nan Darren Soto, cons	ider my applicatior	n for a Congressional nom	ination to one or more o
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materials is: Friday,	October 13, 20)23.			

LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SIGNATURE:	DATE:	



Please remember all materials **MUST** be submitted or postmarked by **Friday, October 13, 2023.**

Submit all materials to: Congressman Darren Soto Attn: Service Academy Applications 804 Bryan Street Kissimmee, FL 34741

Contact Information: Joshua Bowes fl09service.academy@mail.house.gov Office: (407) 452-1171